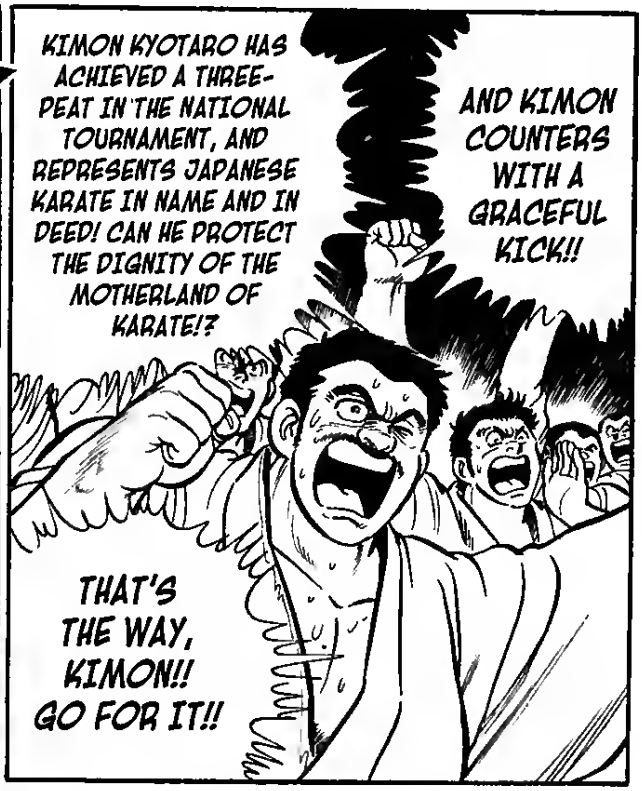
CHAPTER 6: EVIL OMEN

HAH!
URYAA AAAAH!!
DOAA AAAA AAH!!

AND KIMON KYOTARO, 4TH DAN FROM KUBU-KAI HEADQUARTERS, IS LOCKED IN A DEADLY DUEL WITH ARTHUR SOLOMON, 4TH DAN FROM THEIR USA BRANCH!
IT'S THE FINALS OF THE "WORLD KARATE TOURNAMENT", THE COMPETITION TO DETERMINE THE STRONGEST MAN IN FULL-CONTACT KARATE!!

URYAA AHHH!!
TOOOO HHHHH HHH!!
ORYA AAAA AAHH HH!!
AND SOLOMON UNLEASHES A KILLER PUNCH WITH HIS 2M GIANT BODY!!

PLEASE HELP KIMON'S BROTHER WIN!
DEAR GOD...


KIMON KYOTARO HAS ACHIEVED A THREE-PEAT IN THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, AND REPRESENTS JAPANESE KARATE IN NAME AND IN DEED! CAN HE PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF THE MOTHERLAND OF KARATE!?
AND KIMON COUNTERS WITH A GRACEFUL KICK!!
THAT'S THE WAY, KIMON!! GO FOR IT!!

SOLOMON UNLEASHES HIS REPEATING REVERSE ROUNDHOUSE KICK!!
DYEEAA AAAH!!
HE'S ASSAULTING KIMON WITH A SPEED YOU WOULD NOT EXPECT FROM HIS SIZE!!
URYAAAAA AAAHHH!!
SOLOMON'S BLOWS ARE WHIFFING JUST CENTIMETERS FROM HIS FACE!!
B-BUT KIMON'S JUST BARELY KEEPING OUT OF SOLOMON'S RANGE!!
HAAAAA AAAAA AAAH!!

K-KIMON'S LANDED A REAR ROUNDHOUSE KICK!!
AND HE DOESN'T WASTE ANY TIME IN FOLLOWING UP WITH A STRAIGHT THRUST!!
GUOOO UGH!!
B-BUT WAIT, WHAT'S THIS...?
H...HE DID IT!!
AND DOWN GOES ARTHUR SOLO-MON!!

OUT OF BOUNDS!!
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SHIT... HE'S A LUCKY SON OF A BITCH...!
HUFF HUFF
HE WENT DOWN OUT OF BOUNDS, SO THAT DOESN'T COUNT AS A POINT FOR KIMON!!
W- WHAT A SHAME!!
THAT'S ENOUGH !!
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AND TIME'S UP! THREE MINUTES OF BREATHTAKING BATTLE HAVE PASSED BY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!!

OVER-TIME!!
JUDGES DECLARE A DRAW!
NOW, THE JUDGE-MENT!!
KIMON AND SOLOMON'S MATCH IS GOING INTO OVERTIME!!
TWO FLAGS FOR KIMON!! THE REST DECLARE A DRAW!!
KIMON!
BUT JUST YOU WAIT...
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN SOON ENOUGH!!
I CAN SEE WHY HE'S UNMATCHED IN AMERICA... HIS POWER AND DRIVE ARE OFF THE CHARTS!
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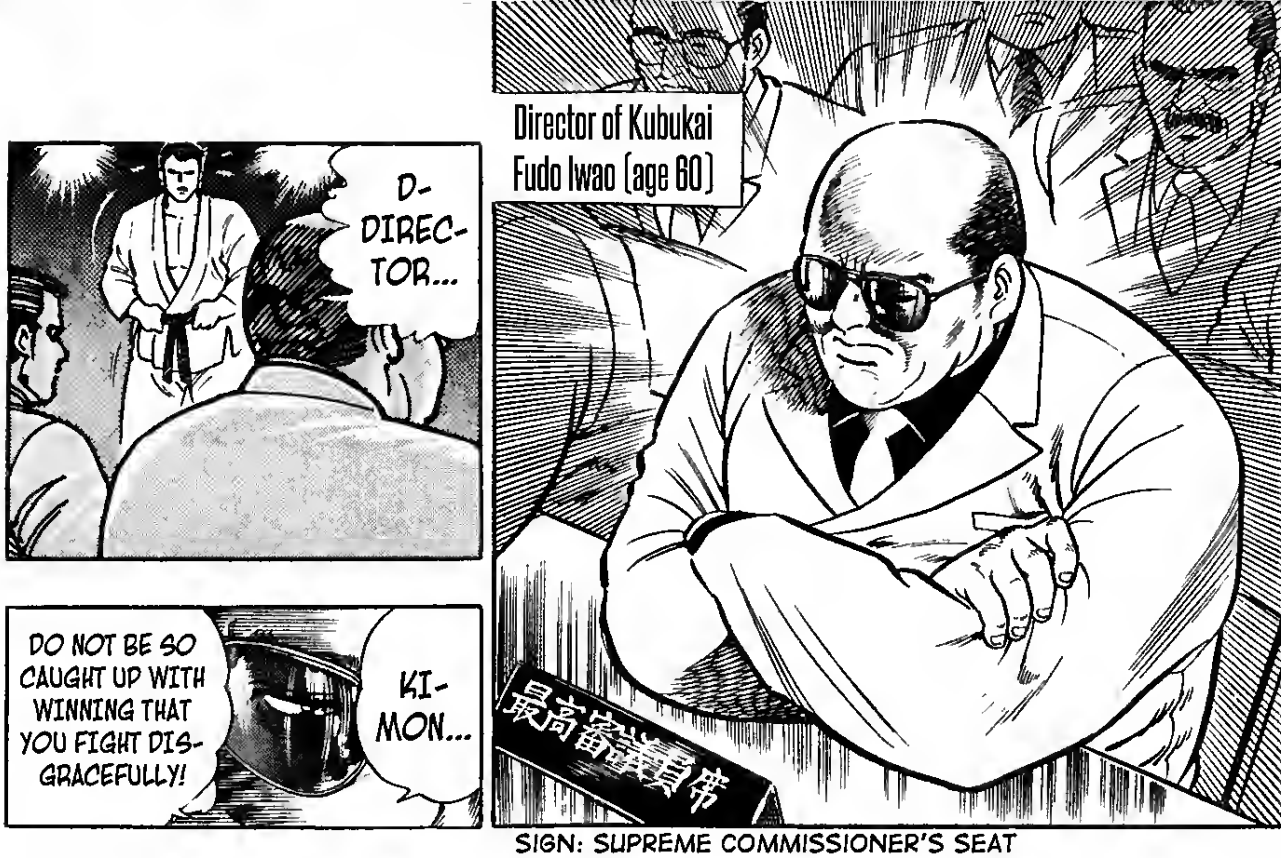
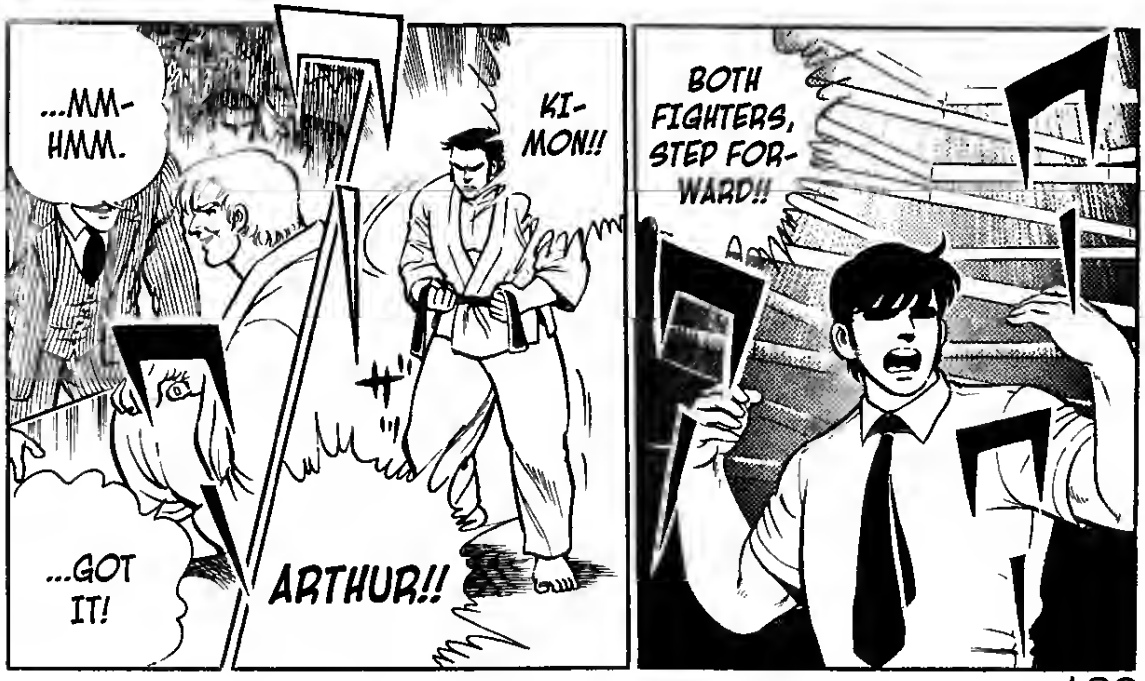


SIGN: SUPREME COMMISSIONER'S SEAT



BEGIN!!
HEHEHE ...
KUBUKAI USA BRANCH CHIEF HENRY TAKANO
SOLOMON, STEP FORWARD!!
OK, BOSS!!
YEAH! THAT'S THE WAY, KIMON!!
HIS LEGS! GET HIS LEGS!!
KIMON ATTACKS WITH A WILD LOW KICK!!
SORYAA AAAH!
AND THAT SURE CONNECTED! SOLOMON'S FACE IS CONTORTING IN PAIN!
GO, SOLOMON!!
LOOKS LIKE EVEN SOLOMON IS REELING FROM KIMON'S DESTRUCTIVE KICK!!

ARRRR
RRRRR
RRRRR
RRRRR
GGGGG
HHHHH
HHH!!
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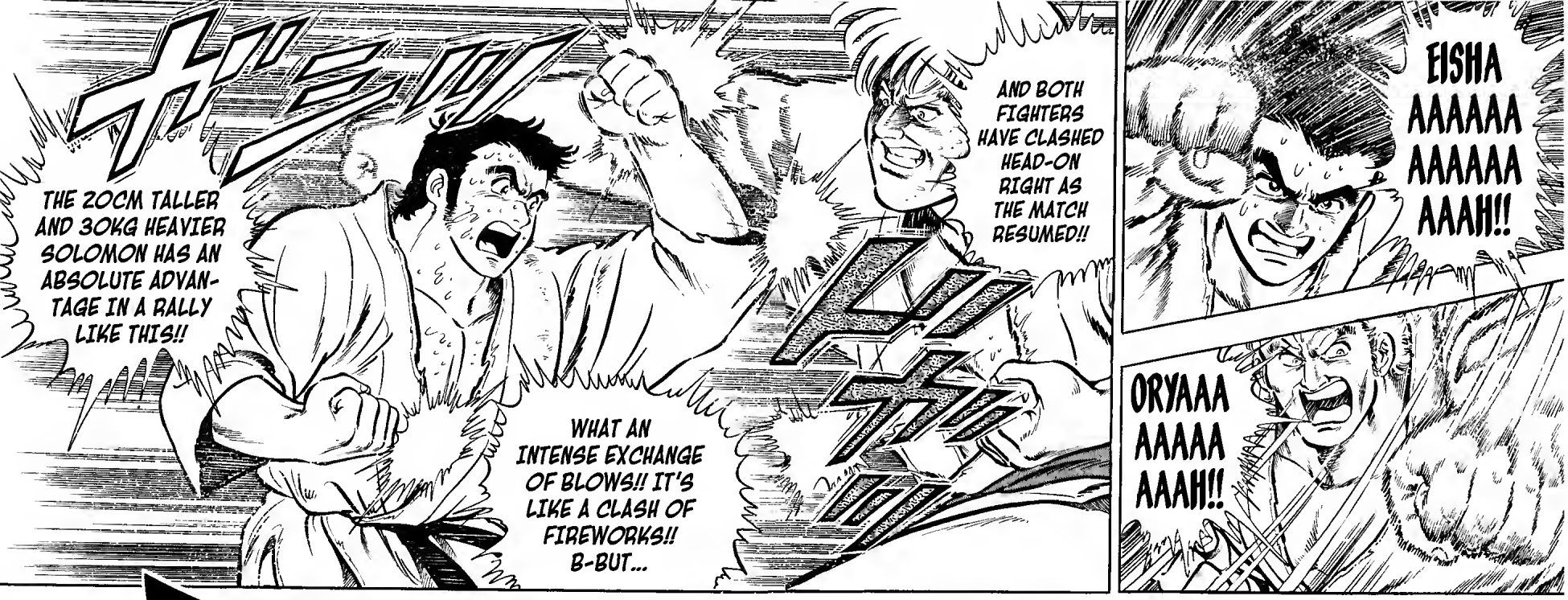
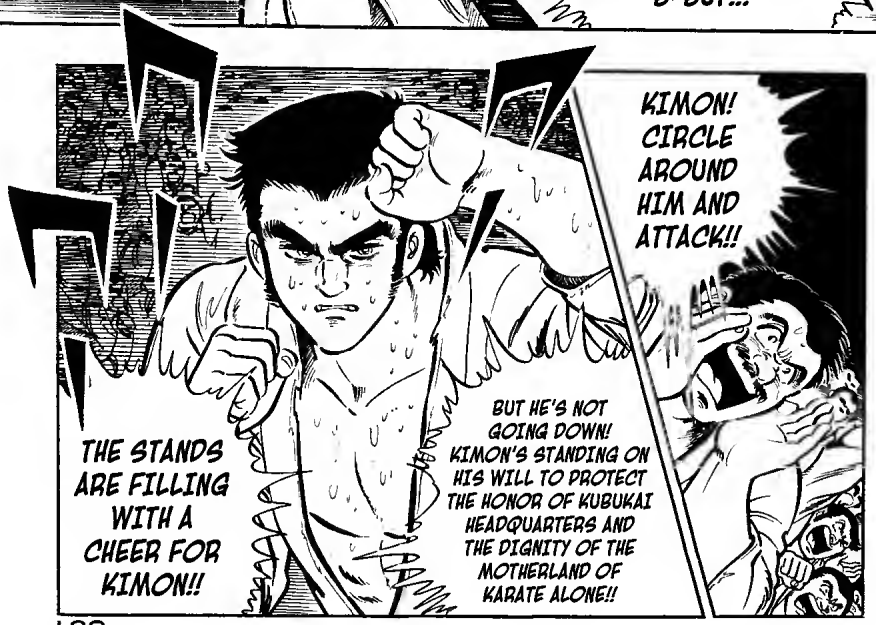
WHAAA
AAAAT
!?
W-

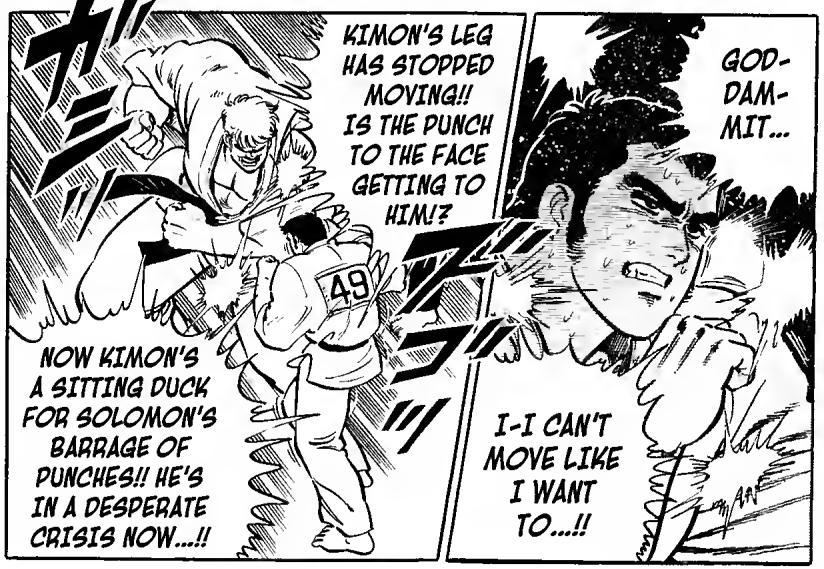
YOU GOTTA DISQUALIFY SOLOMON FOR THAT!!
THAT WAS CHEAP! YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE!!
D-DOCTOR!!
T-THAT'S A FOUL!!
AS MUCH AS KUBUKAI MAY PRACTICE FULL-CONTACT KARATE, LIFE-THREATENING BLOWS TO THE FACE ARE STILL FORBIDDEN!!
T-THE CROWD IS IN AN UPROAR OVER SOLOMON'S SUDDEN FOUL!!
AHH!
WHOOAAA! LOOK!!
H-HE'S UP!!
J-JUST A MINUTE!
WE HAVEN'T FINISHED THE EXAMINATION YET...
HEH...!

DIDN'T YOU PROMISE ME THAT YOU'D WIN?
GO FOR IT, BRO!
D-DAISUKE ...
JUST WATCH ME!
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE!!
.....
BRING IT, SOLOMON!!

D... DIREC-TOR!?
KIMON! YOU CAN'T FIGHT A MATCH WITH THOSE INJURIES!!
KYO-TARO...
O... OSU!!
...RESUME THE MATCH.
.....
THEY DON'T FOLLOW THE SPORT KARATE RULES WHERE A FOUL EQUALS DIS-QUALIFICATION! THEY FIGHT FOR REAL!!
THE MATCH IS STILL ON! KUBUKAI SURE DOES PRACTICE KARATE AS A MARTIAL ART!!


THE 20CM TALLER AND 30KG HEAVIER SOLOMON HAS AN ABSOLUTE ADVANTAGE IN A RALLY LIKE THIS!!
WHAT AN INTENSE EXCHANGE OF BLOWS!! IT'S LIKE A CLASH OF FIREWORKS!! B-BUT...
AND BOTH FIGHTERS HAVE CLASHED HEAD-ON RIGHT AS THE MATCH RESUMED!!
EISHA AAAAAA AAAAAA AAAH!!
ORYAAA AAAAA AAAH!!


THE STANDS ARE FILLING WITH A CHEER FOR KIMON!!
BUT HE'S NOT GOING DOWN! KIMON'S STANDING ON HIS WILL TO PROTECT THE HONOR OF KUBUKAI HEADQUARTERS AND THE DIGNITY OF THE MOTHERLAND OF KARATE ALONE!!
KIMON! CIRCLE AROUND HIM AND ATTACK!!


NOW KIMON'S A SITTING DUCK FOR SOLOMON'S BARRAGE OF PUNCHES!! HE'S IN A DESPERATE CRISIS NOW...!!
KIMON'S LEG HAS STOPPED MOVING!! IS THE PUNCH TO THE FACE GETTING TO HIM!?
I-I CAN'T MOVE LIKE I WANT TO...!!
GOD-DAM-MIT...

USA! WE'RE NUMBER ONE!!
ARTHUR !!
KIMON! DON'T YOU DARE LOSE!!
YOU CAN DO IT, KIMON!!
KYO-TARO!!
KIMON!!
NEITHER FIGHTER HAS LANDED A TELLING BLOW YET!! ARE THEY GOING TO RUN OUT THE CLOCK?
ONLY TEN SECONDS LEFT IN OVERTIME!!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT TRUE MARTIAL ARTS... TRUE KARATE LOOKS LIKE!!
I CAN'T LOSE! I REFUSE TO LOSE!!

T-THEY JUMPED !!
ダッ
DAAA AAAA AAAA AH!!
DEAAAA AAAAAA AAAH!!
ガッ
ガッ
HAAAAA AAAAA AAAAH!!
TOOO UUUUUU UUUU!!
ORYAA AAAAA AAAH!!

A-AND SOLOMON'S LANDED AN AERIAL REPEATING ROUND-HOUSE KICK!!
IT'S CONNECTED IN MIDAIR, RIGHT TO KIMON'S TEMPLE!!
B-BUT KIMON'S ALSO GOT SOLOMON IN THE CHIN WITH A FRONT KICK!!
BOTH KIMON AND SOLOMON HAVE SUNK TO THE MAT FROM EACH OTHER'S BLOWS!! B-BUT PERHAPS THE DAMAGE WAS TOO MUCH FOR KIMON! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS AND NOT MOVING A MUSCLE!!
I-IT'S A DRAW!!
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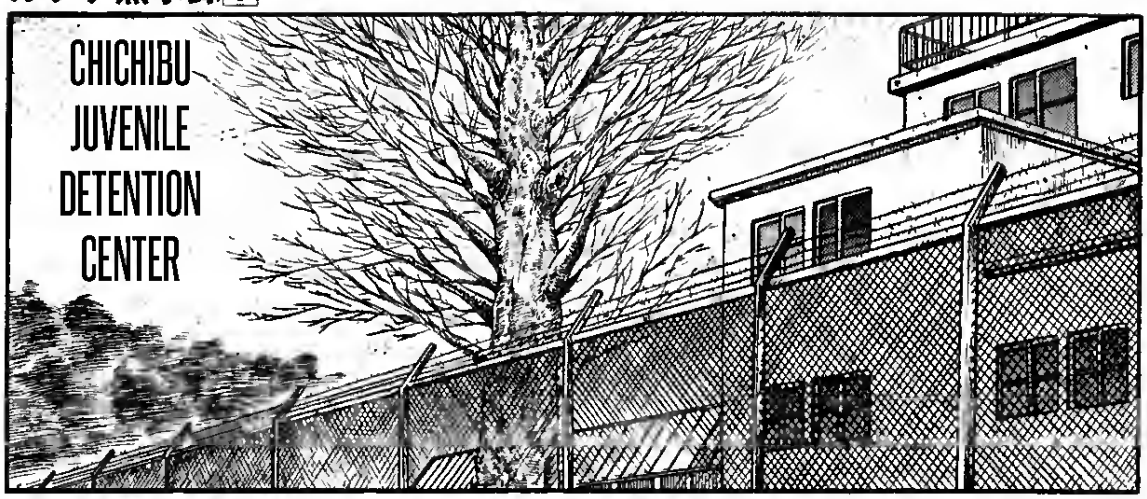
JUDG-
MENT!!
HUFF...
HUFF...
THAT'S ENOUGH!!
THE FIFTH WORLD TOURNAMENT FINALS HAS ENDED WITH A SUBLIME AERIAL BATTLE IN OVERTIME!!
AND TIME'S UP!!
POINT TO SOLOMON!!

AFTER THAT AERIAL BATTLE RIGHT BEFORE THE TIME LIMIT, KIMON KYOTARO WENT DOWN FROM ARTHUR SOLOMON'S AERIAL REPEATING ROUND-HOUSE KICK!!
JAPAN HAS FINALLY BEEN DE-FEATED!!
KYO... TARO!
THE FORTRESS OF JAPANESE KARATE, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPEN-ETRABLE FOR TWELVE YEARS, HAS FINALLY FALLEN!!
IT'S OVER...
USA BRANCH CHIEF HENRY TAKANO IS GIVING SOLOMON A FIRM HANDSHAKE TO CONGRATULATE HIS VICTORY!
THE AMERICAN CHEERING SQUAD IS GOING WILD!!

PLEASE, HANG IN THERE, KIMON!!
KI-MON!!
USA!!
!! USA
...UN NGH...
STAND BACK! I NEED TO EXAMINE HIM!!
D... DAI... SUKE!
武道館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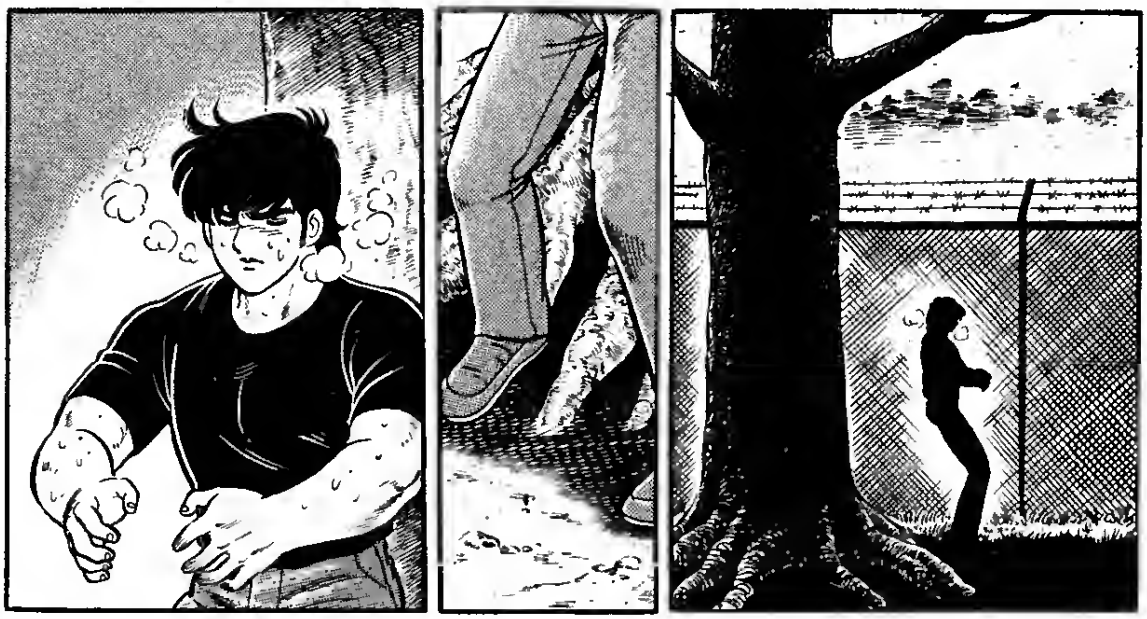

BUT WHILE I MAY HAVE LOST THE MATCH, I DIDN'T LOSE IN SPIRIT.
DAISUKE, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR BREAKING MY PROMISE TO WIN THE WORLD TOURNAMENT...

I INTEND TO REPAY HIS KINDNESS BY PUTTING EVERYTHING ON THE LINE FOR THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN THREE YEARS, AND SHOW THE WORLD TRUE MARTIAL ARTS, WHERE "THE SMALL CAN DEFEAT THE BIG"!
DIRECTOR FUDO ACKNOWLEDGED SOLOMON'S FOUL, BUT ORDERED THE MATCH TO CONTINUE ANYWAY DUE TO HIS PERSPECTIVE ON KARATE.
PHEWW...

IF I GET OUT OF HERE...
R-REALLY !?
...THEN I CAN SEE MIZUHO AGAIN!!
TODAY, A PROBATION OFFICER CAME TO HEADQUARTERS TO TELL ME THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE RELEASED.
WE'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN... I'LL COME PICK YOU UP BY CAR WHEN YOU'RE RELEASED!!
...AND IS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY... MIZUHO SAID THAT SHE'S GIVEN UP HER COLLEGE PLANS, I'M SORRY TO SAY...
ALSO, ABOUT MIZUHO... THE COMPANY HER FATHER RUNS HAS BEEN SADDLED WITH LOTS OF DEBT...
GOOD MORN-ING.
WAA UGH!!
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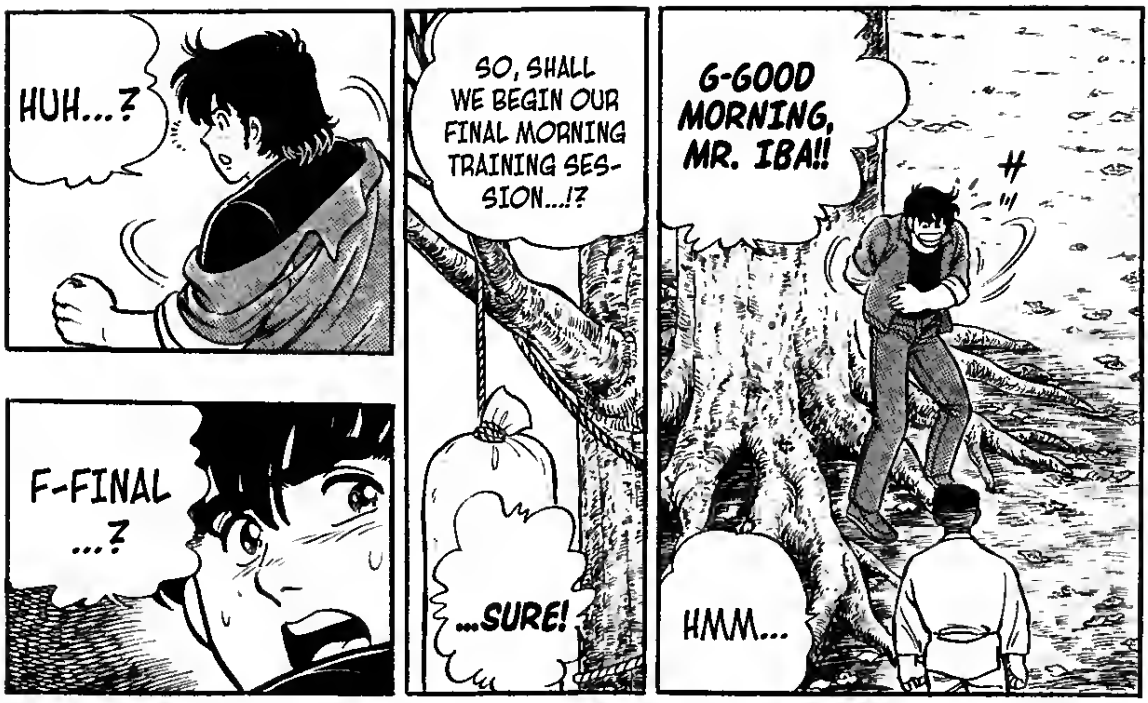
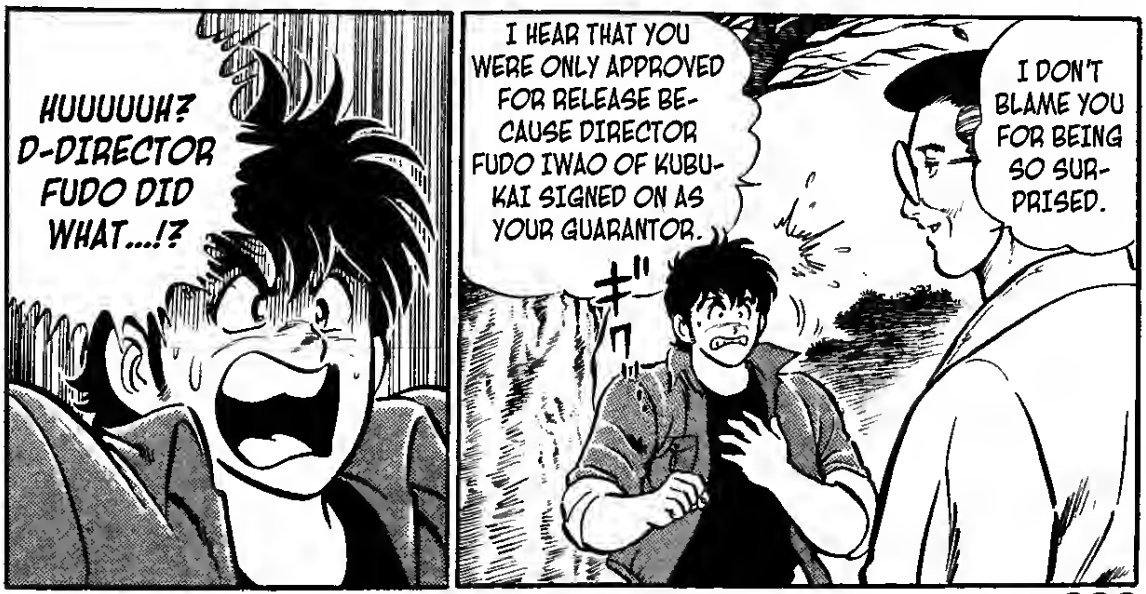
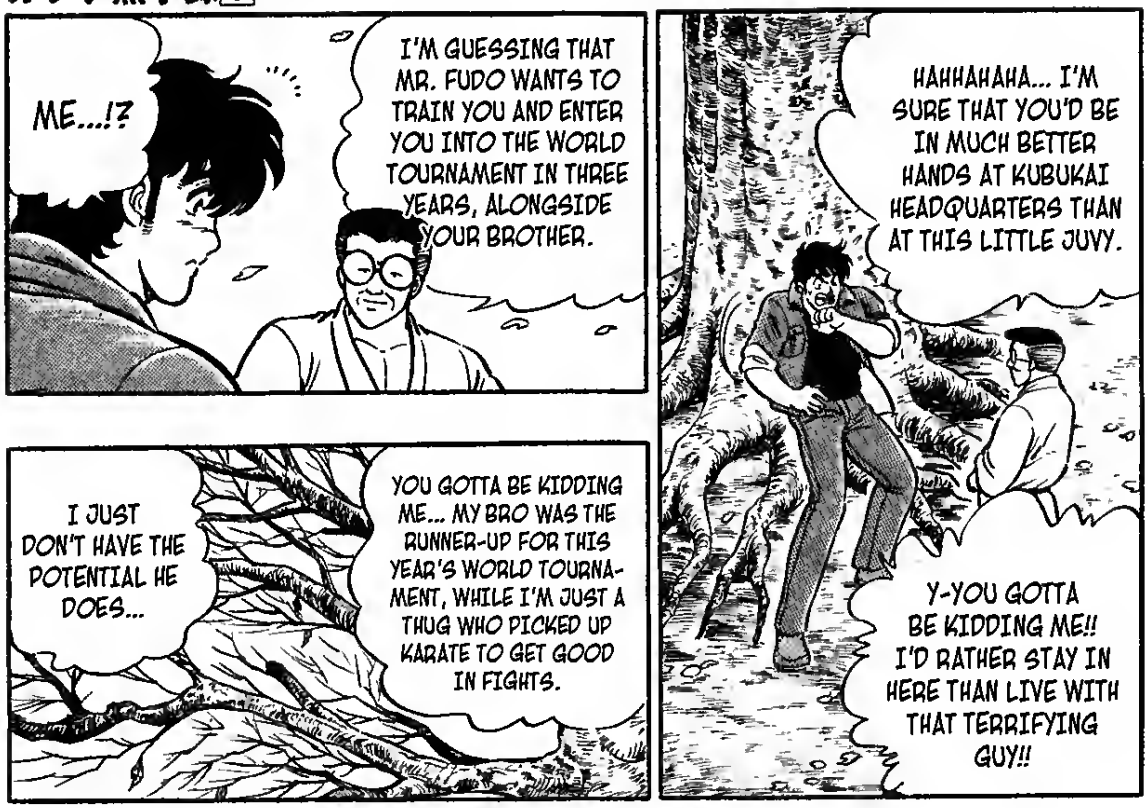
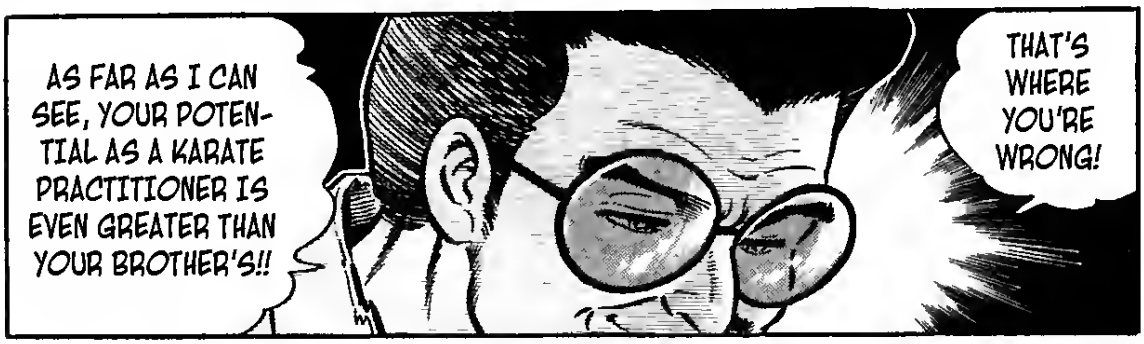
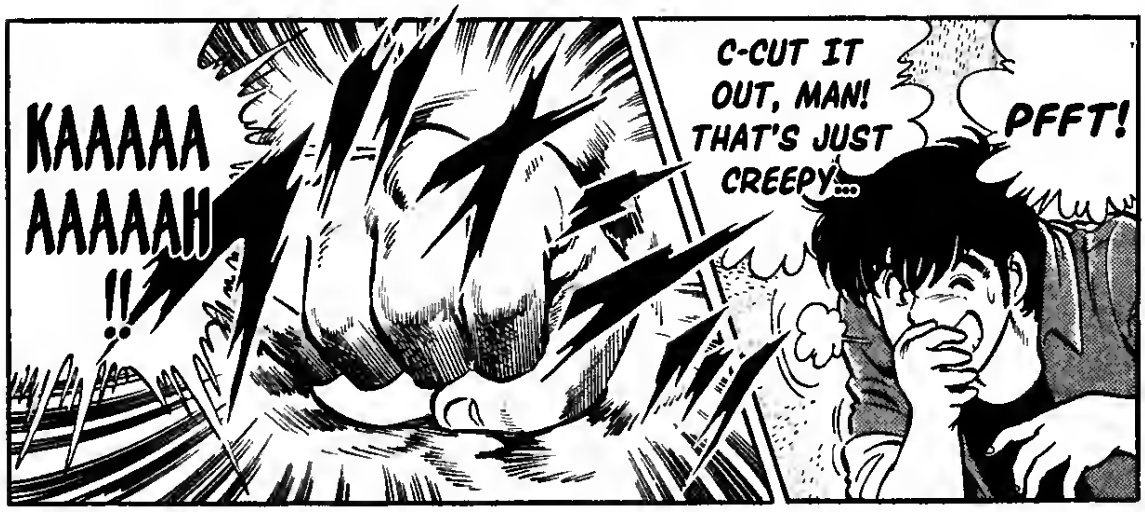

HUH...?
SO, SHALL WE BEGIN OUR FINAL MORNING TRAINING SESSION...!?
G-GOOD MORNING, MR. IBA!!
F-FINAL ...?
...SURE!
HMM...

SO SOON!?
WHAT!?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW MORNING!

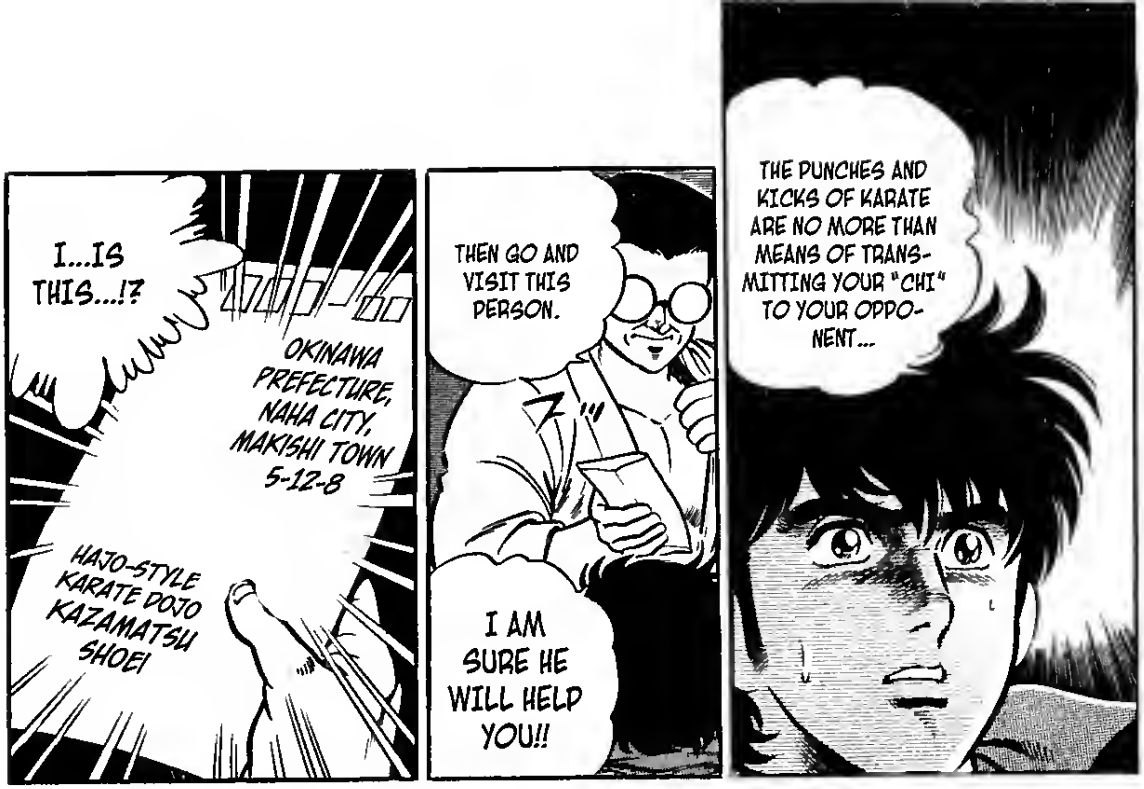

HUUUUUH? D-DIRECTOR FUDO DID WHAT...!?
I HEAR THAT YOU WERE ONLY APPROVED FOR RELEASE BECAUSE DIRECTOR FUDO IWAO OF KUBUKAI SIGNED ON AS YOUR GUARANTOR.
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING SO SURPRISED.


ME...!?
I'M GUESSING THAT MR. FUDO WANTS TO TRAIN YOU AND ENTER YOU INTO THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN THREE YEARS, ALONGSIDE YOUR BROTHER.
HAHHAHAHA... I'M SURE THAT YOU'D BE IN MUCH BETTER HANDS AT KUBUKAI HEADQUARTERS THAN AT THIS LITTLE JUVY.
Y-YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!! I'D RATHER STAY IN HERE THAN LIVE WITH THAT TERRIFYING GUY!!
I JUST DON'T HAVE THE POTENTIAL HE DOES...
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME... MY BRO WAS THE RUNNER-UP FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD TOURNAMENT, WHILE I'M JUST A THUG WHO PICKED UP KARATE TO GET GOOD IN FIGHTS.

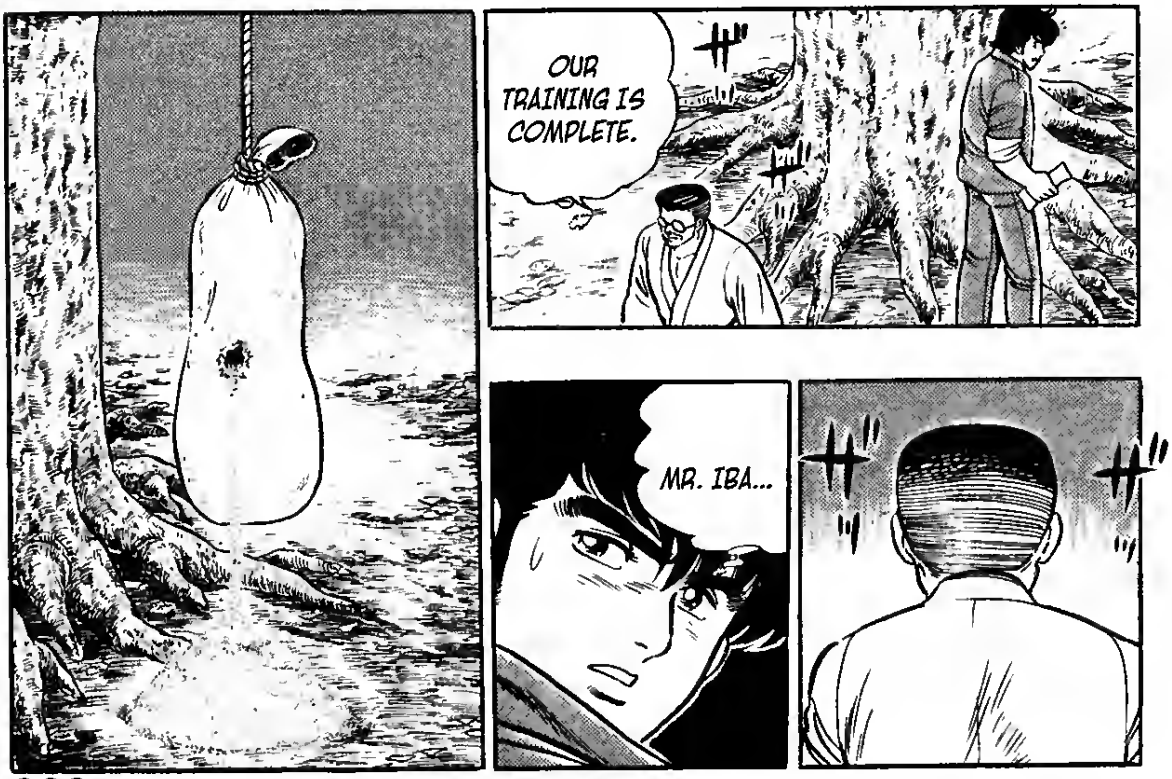

AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, YOUR POTENTIAL AS A KARATE PRACTITIONER IS EVEN GREATER THAN YOUR BROTHER'S!!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG!

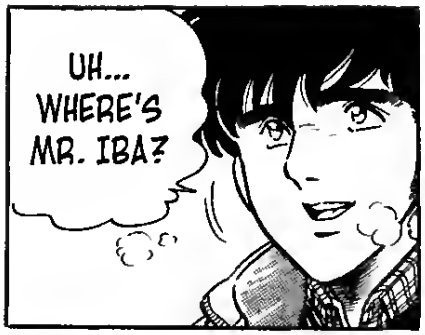

KAAAAA AAAAAH !!
C-CUT IT OUT, MAN! THAT'S JUST CREEPY...
PFFT!

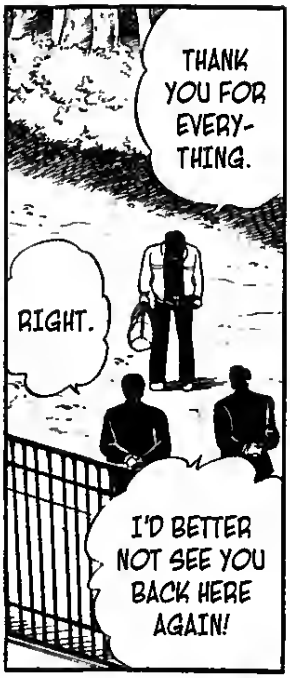
BUT THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN YOU'LL COME UP AGAINST A WALL... AND WHEN YOU DO, I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER MY WORDS.
I HAVE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO TEACH YOU A MERE PORTION OF OKINAWA HAJO-STYLE KARATE OVER THESE PAST FEW MONTHS...
GOOD JOB...
YOU'VE READ MY "CHI" WELL...
...MR. IBA...

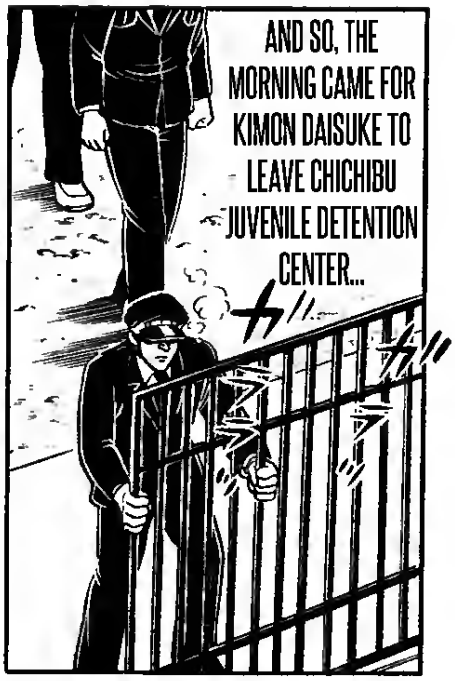

THE PUNCHES AND KICKS OF KARATE ARE NO MORE THAN MEANS OF TRANSMITTING YOUR "CHI" TO YOUR OPPONENT...
THEN GO AND VISIT THIS PERSON.
I AM SURE HE WILL HELP YOU!!
I...IS THIS...!?
OKINAWA PREFECTURE, NAHA CITY, MAKISHI TOWN 5-12-8
HAJO-STYLE KARATE DOJO KAZAMATSU SHOEI

NOW...


OUR TRAINING IS COMPLETE.
MR. IBA...


UH... WHERE'S MR. IBA?

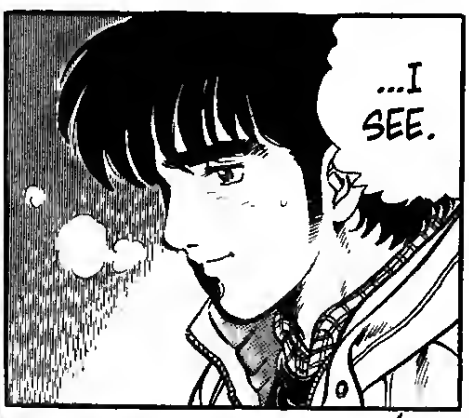

THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.
RIGHT.
I'D BETTER NOT SEE YOU BACK HERE AGAIN!

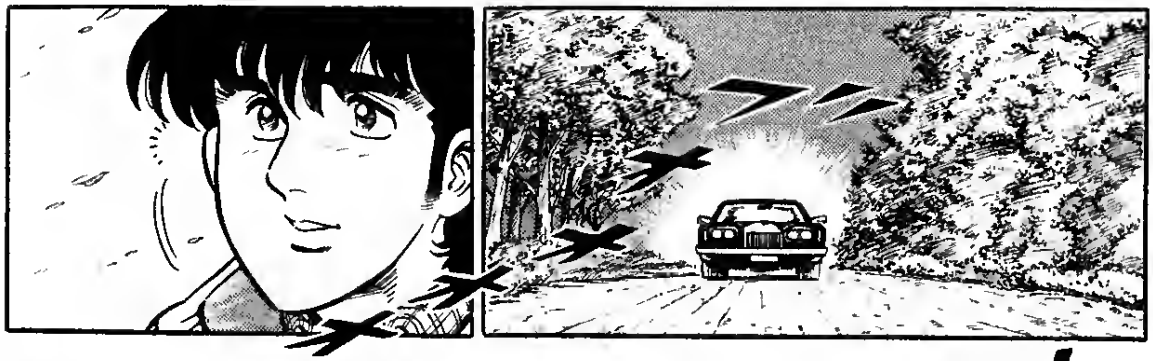

AND SO, THE MORNING CAME FOR KIMON DAISUKE TO LEAVE CHICHIBU JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER...

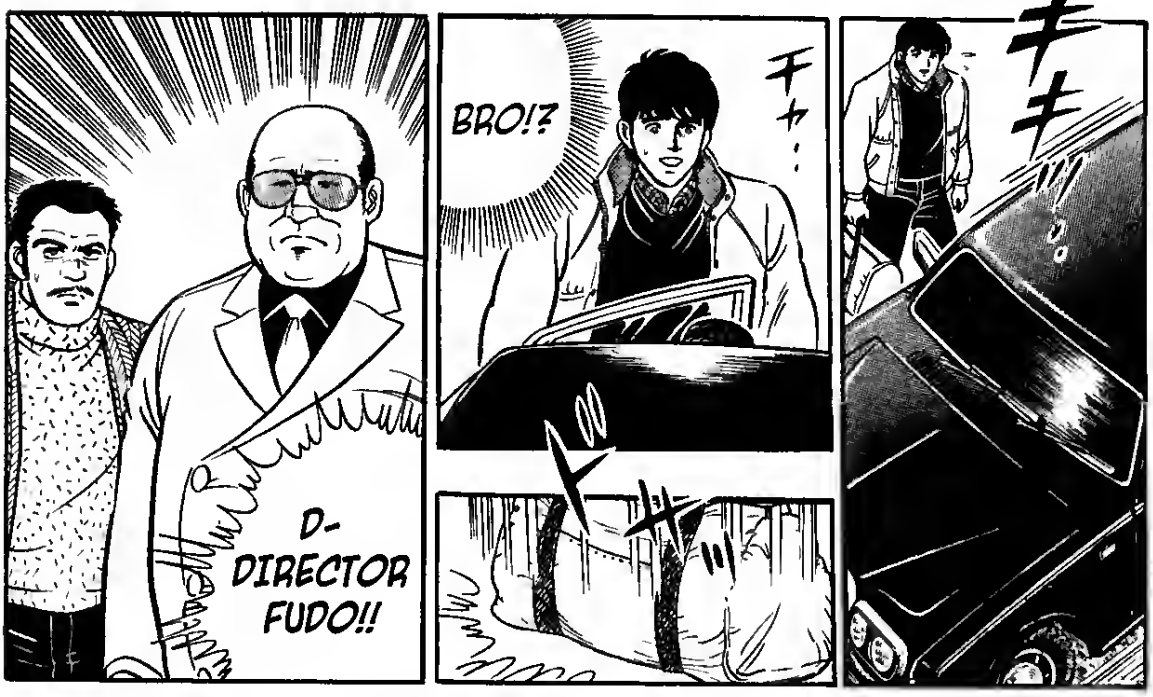
I'M AFRAID DIRECTOR IBA'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW.

...THANK YOU!
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU...

MR. IBA...


...I SEE.

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DIRECTOR
FUDO!!
BRO!?
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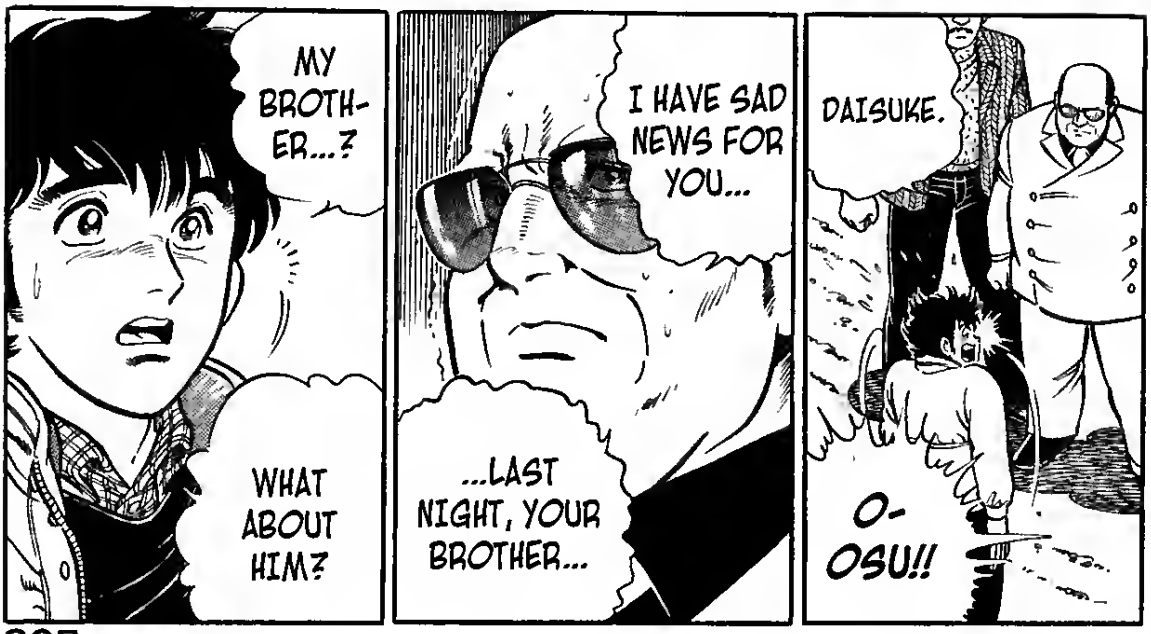
MY
BROTH-
ER...?
WHAT
ABOUT
HIM?
I HAVE SAD
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...LAST
NIGHT, YOUR
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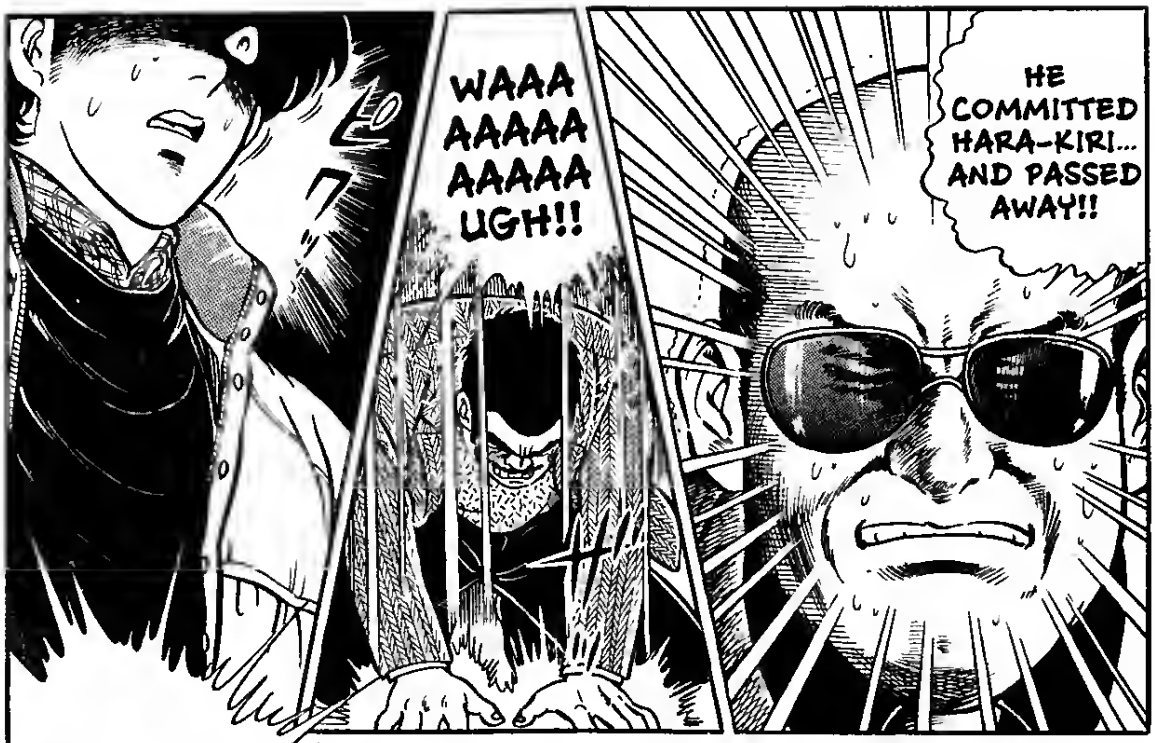
DAISUKE.
O-
OSU!!



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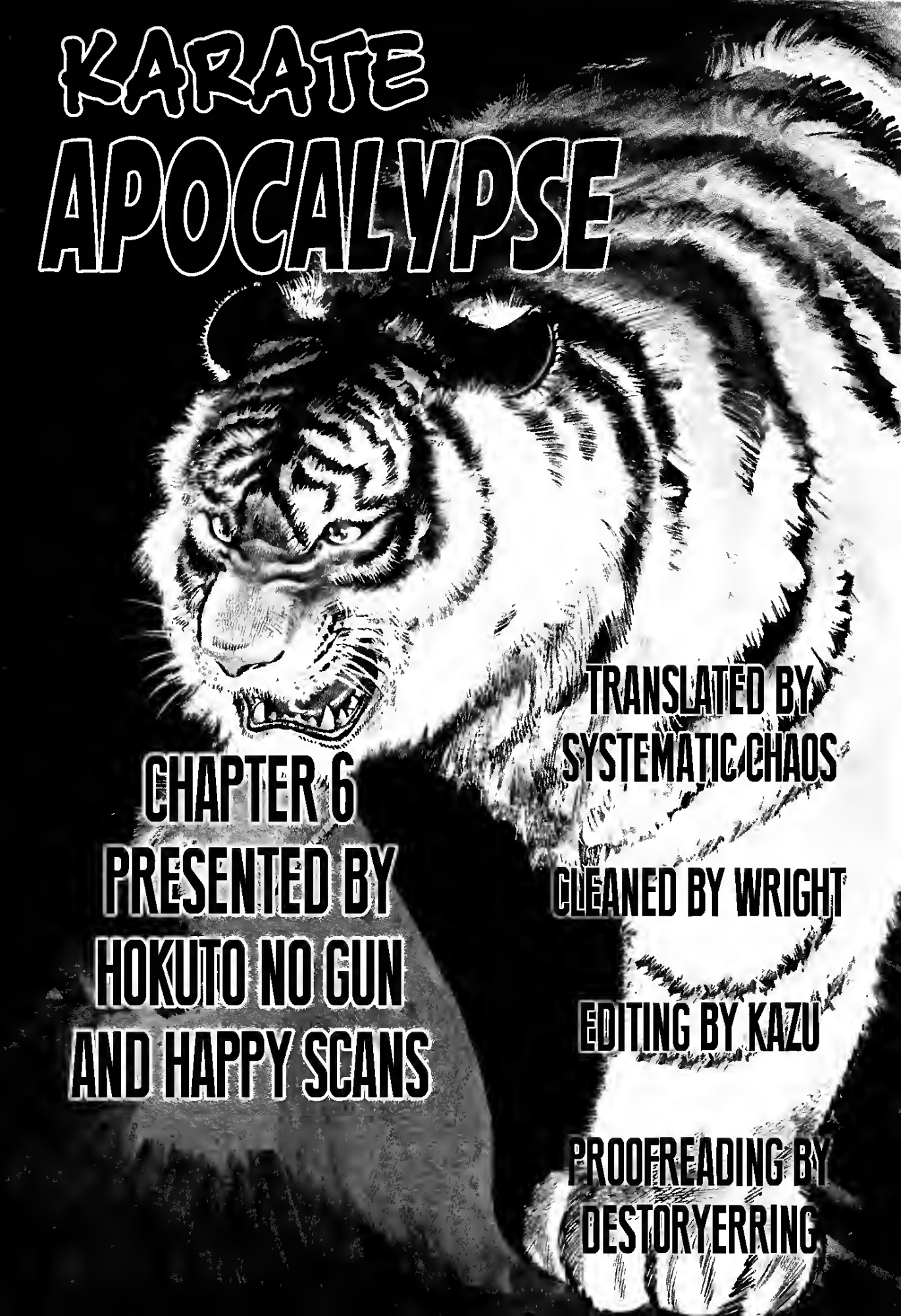
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